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## IHCDA seeks Innovative Community Collaborations to address the needs of Low Income Households throughout Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS- The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) is accepting applications for Innovative Community Collaboration projects. The program will provide up to \$100,000 in total funding to one or more grant applications featuring partnerships between a community action agency and public or private not-for-profit agencies.

"The Innovative Community Collaboration grant supports the development of new ideas and projects that target low to moderate income households," said Donna Billiard Wright, IHCDA Chief Community Programs Officer. "Indiana's Community Action Agency network is vital to the success of this statewide initiative so we encourage organizations to work in partnership, increasing the overall impact of resources and expertise to develop local community solutions."

To qualify, applicants must demonstrate a collaboration between a local community action agency and other organizations with similar mission and focus, incorporate technology and serve low income families at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty level. Applicants are also required to show that the project or program is based on a recent needs assessment.

Applications are due by September 1, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. EST.

The Innovative Community Collaboration program is made possible through the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), a federal block grant designed to assist community action agencies with alleviating the causes and conditions of poverty in communities.

For more information about the Innovative Community Collaboration program, including the application and eligibility information, visit IHCDA's partner web portal at <a href="https://www.in.gov/myihcda/2395.htm">www.in.gov/myihcda/2395.htm</a>.

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The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), chaired by Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, creates housing opportunity, generates and preserves assets and revitalizes neighborhoods by investing financial and technical resources in the development efforts of qualified partners throughout Indiana. IHCDA believes that growing Indiana's economy starts at home. For more information, visit <a href="www.ihcda.in.gov">www.ihcda.in.gov</a> or <a href="www.ihcda.in.gov">www.in.gov/myihcda</a>. For updates from Lt. Governor Ellspermann and the agencies she oversees, please sign up at <a href="www.lg.in.gov">www.lg.in.gov</a>.